

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-32 are pending.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-3 and 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Kaneshige (USP 6,360,055). The Examiner further rejects claims 4-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on Kaneshige in view of Inoshita (USP 7,024,102). Applicants respectfully traverse these art grounds of rejection.

Claim 1, for example, recites "each clip file associated with one of a portion common to the reproduction paths and a portion specific to a particular reproduction path among the reproduction paths of the video data." On pages 2-3 of the Final Office Action dated December 17, 2007, the Examiner directs Applicants attention to FIGs. 9A and 9B of Kaneshige with respect to these limitations. FIG. 9A illustrates multiple angle picture information according to Kaneshige. Mainly, a first angle scene is represented by cells D0-0 to D0-3 and a second angle scene is represented by cells D1-0 to D1-3. Accordingly, it appears that the Examiner is attempting to read the "clip file" recited in claim 1 on a cell in Kaneshige.

Claim 1 further recites "management information for managing reproduction of the video data, the management information including an information file associated with each clip file, each information file for providing a map for the associated clip file, each map for mapping presentation time

information to address information for the associated clip file.” With respect to this limitation, on page 3 of the December 17, 2007 Final Office Action, the Examiner directs Applicants attention to FIG. 28 and column 16, line 21 – column 17, line 13 of Kaneshige. This portion of Kaneshige discloses the contents of the program chain information (PGCI) in the DVD of Kaneshige. The description of the PGCI in columns 16-17 of Kaneshige fails to mention an information file for each cell. Therefore, Kaneshige cannot disclose or suggest “an information file associated with each clip file” as recited in claim 1. Furthermore, as to providing a map, the only mention of a map is the program chain program map (PGC_PGMAP) in column 17, lines 7-9. Here, the PGCI is described as having a starting address of the PGC_PGMAP which provides the entry cell number of an existing program. Namely, the entry cell number of a plurality of cells forming a program are provided. There is no disclosure of each information file for each cell having a map and that map providing “presentation time information to address information for the associated clip file,” as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Kaneshige does not anticipate or render claim 1 obvious to one skilled in the art.

From even a cursory review, it is readily apparent that Inoshita does not overcome the disclosure and suggestion deficiencies of Kaneshige with respect to claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is also patentable over Kaneshige in view of Inoshita.

The remaining independent claims include similar limitations to those discussed above with respect to claim 1, and are likewise patentable for at least the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1. The other claims are dependent upon one of the above discussed independent claims, and are patentable at least for the reasons stated above with respect to those independent claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of above remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding rejection and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

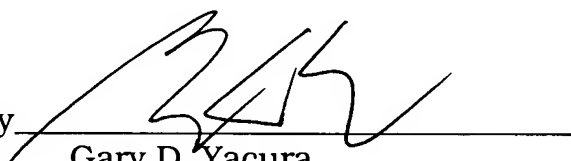
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$120.00 extension fee herewith.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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